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REMARKS

Herewith claims 1-29, 31 and 33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof, claim 32 stands allowed, and new claims 34 and 35 are added. Claim 32 is amended to correct a minor typographical error although claim 32 was indicated as allowed.

New claims 34 and 35 closely parallel the language of allowed claim 32 but are recast as an apparatus (via 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraph 6) and a method in lieu of the allowed software readable medium of allowed claim 32. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully suggest that new claims 34 and 35 are patentable over the art.

This Amendment After Final is tendered to place the application in condition for allowance without raising addition issues or requiring additional search. Applicants respectfully request entry and favorable consideration of the remarks and amendments tendered herewith.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of the '771 Snell patent in view of the '770 Nappholz et al. patent in further view of the '468 patent to Akiyama et al.

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are herewith canceled thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

Claims 16-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Snell/Nappholz in view of Akiyama and further in view of the '043 patent to Imran.

Claims 16-29 are herewith canceled thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

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Claims 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Snell/Nappholz in view of Kroll and further in view of '952 Stutman et al.

Claims 31 and 33 are herewith canceled thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '877 Nolan patent in view of Kroll in further view of Snell in further view of the '952 patent to Stutman.

Claim 33 is herewith canceled thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the pending independent claims 32, 34, and 35 are allowable over the applied art. Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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